The growth in the first half of 2008-09 for agriculture, industry and services are estimated at 2.9 per cent, 6.5 per cent and 9.8 per cent as compared to 4.5 per cent. 9.3 per cent and 10.7 per cent in the corresponding period of 2007-08. There are signs of slowdown in growth across different sectors.

The global slowdown has its implications on the domestic economy, primarily through the moderation in capital flows, the financial markets and trade. The impact of the global crisis on the domestic economy has been largely transmitted directly through the Indian equity and the foreign exchange markets and through trade channels and indirectly through the money, debt and credit markets. While exact effects of the global slowdown are difficult to quantify because the complexity of the crisis and spreading effects in the international economy, it is expected that there may be some moderation in India's capital flows and in the growth of exports.

(c) to (e) The Government has not set up any Commission to assess the impact of the global economic recession. The Government monitors and evaluates, from time to time, at the highest official and political levels the effect of global economic developments on the Indian economy in formulating its economic policies and designs counter cyclical steps accordingly. To safeguard the economy against adverse impact of the global financial crisis, the Reserve Bank of India has taken measures, '*Inter alia*', for reduction in Cash Reserve Ratio and Statutory Liquidity Ratio, reduction in repo and reverse repo rates and for liberalising access to external commercial borrowings. The Government has announced a fiscal package which includes additional plan expenditure, reduction in the 'ad valorem' Cenvat rate and measures to support exports. These measures have ensured the effective functioning of the financial system and improvement in liquidity in the money market and provide stimulus to the economy to counter the slowdown in growth.

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WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Hardships of transiting international passengers

2325. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the hardships and inconvenience being faced by the transitional phase international passenger at Delhi and Mumbai airports; and

(b) if so, the steps Government has taken to ameliorate their hardships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Mumbai International Airport Private Limited and Delhi International Airport Private Limited have provided several facilities for transit passengers such as inter-terminal courtesy coaches, seating/waiting area, washrooms and foods and beverage outlets etc., at CSI Airport, Mumbai and IGI Airport, Delhi respectively.